



Dear Landowner,

I am a volunteer working on the Maine Bird Atlas project, a 5-year citizen science project using hundreds of volunteers to document the numbers and distribution of breeding birds throughout Maine. I am writing to ask permission to access your land for the purposes of this project. I am hoping to make several visits this spring and summer to simply observe birds and watch for evidence of breeding behavior. The results of this project will be vital to understanding the status of birds in Maine and guiding future management decisions.

Your property is included in a systematically chosen 9-square-mile survey block that I was assigned. Your property may contain unique habitats, and birds, not found elsewhere in the block and I would like to take a closer look. The only activity on your land will be to watch birds and determine which bird species are breeding in this area. I assume full responsibility for my own welfare and will be careful not to disturb you or your property. I am willing to discuss any rules or stipulations you may have, and I am happy to provide you with a list of birds observed during my visits. In addition, I would be grateful to receive any information that you may already have about nesting birds on your property.

Would you grant me permission to survey birds on your land as per the following:

Specific areas to survey:

Time of survey (how often, time of day):

Thank you for considering my request. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have as well. I look forward to hearing back from you within the week.

Please visit the Maine Bird Atlas webpage at [www.maine.gov/birdatlas](http://www.maine.gov/birdatlas) to learn more about the project and even sign up to be a volunteer yourself.

Sincerely,

Surveyor:

Telephone:

Email: